GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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DISTORTED MAP OF INDIA
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the website of UNAIDS carries a distorted map of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the matter has been taken up with the concerned organization; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) − (d) The India country page on the website of the UNAIDS (the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS) carried a map of India which did not show the northern and southern parts of the country. The Permanent Mission of India to the Offices of the United Nations, Geneva, took up the matter with the Secretariat of the UNAIDS. The issue has been rectified and the entire map of India, along with the standard disclaimer used by the United Nations that the boundaries, names and designations shown on the map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations, is now posted on the India country page of the UNAIDS website.